



Connecticut's Health Insurance Marketplace

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Access Health CT's CEO Comments on Rate Filings

HARTFORD, CT, May 31, 2013— Kevin Counihan, Access Health CT's CEO, provided commentary on the rate filings from insurance companies planning on participating in Connecticut's health insurance exchange.

CEO Counihan said, "One of our top goals all along has been to make sure Connecticut consumers benefit as we begin to implement the new healthcare system. From that perspective, we are off to a good start. We are pleased today to receive a third rate submission by a quality health plan in Aetna's rate filing. On the basis of our initial review, it appears that the Aetna submission is an attractive rate filing for consumers in Connecticut. While this is encouraging, it is still early and we are still waiting for the rate filings of two other health plans, as well as the formal rate review by Wakely Actuarial. We are encouraged by the rates that have been submitted thus far and we believe they represent a positive outlook for consumers and small businesses in our state."

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About Access Health CT

Access Health CT (also known as the Exchange) was created by the Connecticut Legislature in 2011 and is a quasi-public agency established to satisfy requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act. Its mission is to increase the number of insured residents in Connecticut, promote health, lower costs and eliminate health disparities. Its vision is to provide a simple online shopping and enrollment experience for state residents and small businesses, starting with open enrollment in October 2013.

Access Health CT will ensure that participating health plans meet certain standards, and will facilitate competition and choice by rating the quality of each plan. Individuals and families buying coverage through the Exchange may qualify for tax credits on premiums. The Exchange will also coordinate eligibility and enrollment with state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. More information is available at www.AccessHealthCT.com